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REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 27, 2005. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 4-6 and 16-20 remain pending following entry of this response. Claims 4 and 16 have been amended. Claims 1-3 and 7-15 have been canceled. Applicants submit that the amendments do not introduce new matter.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4-6 and 16-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 4 and 16 have been amended to independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and claims 5-6 and 17-20 depend respectively therefrom. The claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 2, 9 and 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Yoshihide* (JP 59154071). Claims 3, 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Yoshihide* (JP 59154071). In view of the allowable subject matter, claims 1-3 and 7-15 have been canceled. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the claims and traverse these rejections substantively in continuation and/or divisional applications.

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Conclusion

The secondary references made of record are noted. However, it is believed that the secondary references are no more pertinent to the Applicants' disclosure than the primary references cited in the office action. Therefore, Applicants believe that a detailed discussion of the secondary references is not necessary for a full and complete response to this office action.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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